

Anno. xiiij. Regine Elizabethæ.


¶ At the parliament
begunne and holden

at westminster the eyght of Maye,
in the. xiiij. yere of the raigne of our most
gracious soueraigne Lady Elizabeth,
by the grace of God, of Englande,
Fraunce, and Ireland Queene,
defendour of the fayth. &c.
and there continued un-
tyll the last of June
folowynge.

To the hygh pleasure of almightie
God, and the weale publique
of this Realme, were
enacted as fo-
loweth.

1572.

The Table.

- 1  An Acte for the punishment of such as shall rebelliously take or detain, or conspire to take or detain from the Queenes Maiestie, any of her Castles, Townes, Fortresses, Holdes. &c.
- 2 An Acte agaynst suche as shall conspire or practyse the enlargemēt of any prisoner committed for hygh treason.
- 3 An Acte agaynst the forging and counterfeiting of forraigne corgne, being not currant within this Realme.
- 4 An Acte to reuiue a statute made Anno primo of the Queenes Maiesties raigne, inhibiting the carying of leather, tallow, and rawe hydes out of the Realme.
- 5 An Acte for the punishment of vacaboundes, and for the releefe of the poore and impotent.
- 6 An Acte for the explanation of a statute made agaynst fugitives ouer the seas, in the. xiii. yeere of the Queenes Maiesties raigne.
- 7 An Acte agaynst the decyptes of vnder Collectours of the Tenthes and Subsidies of the Cleargie.
- 8 An Acte for the auoyding of recoveries suffered by collusion by tenants for terme of lyfe, and suche others.
- 9 An Acte declaryng that the tenaunt & defendauit, may haue a tales de circumstantibus, aswell as the demaundaunt or playntiffe.
- 10 An Acte to reforme the excessive length of Barries.
- 11 An Acte for the continuation, explanation, persifying, and enlarging of diuers statutes.
- 12 An Acte for the repeale of a statute made Anno. viij. of the Queenes Maiesties raigne, touchyng the Towne of Shrewesburie.
- 13 An Acte for the annexing of Berham and Berhamshire to the Countie of Northumberlande.

An Act for the punish-

ment of suche as shall rebelliously take or detayne,
or conspire to take or detaine from the Queenes

*Maiestie, any of her Castles, Towres,
Fortresses, Holdes, &c.*

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OR the better auoyding of
all suche vnlawfull practises, se-
crete conspiracies, and deuises, as
lately haue benne stirred and mo-
ued by some euil disposed persons;
agaynst our most gracious So-
ueraigne Lady the Queene, in
seeking by false conspiracies, and
vndue meanes, to surpriſe and
take from her Maiestie some of
her Castles, Towres, Fortresses,
Shippes, Ordinaunces, Artylla-

rie, and other munitions of warre: be it enacted by the Queenes
moſte excellent Maieſtie, with chaſſent of the Lordes Spirituall
and Tempozall, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament
aſſembled, and by thauthoritie of the ſame; that yf any perſon or
perſons whatſoener, at anye tyme hereafter do within this
Realme, or els where, vnlawfully, & of his or their owne auctho-
ritie compaſſe, imagine, conſpire, practiſe, or deuise, by any wayes
or meanes, with force, or by any craft, deuise, or ſleight, malicious-
ly, and rebelliously, to take, or to detayne, or keepe from our ſayde
Soueraigne Lady the Queene, any of her Castles, Towres, for-
trelles, or holdes, or maliciously and rebelliously to rase, burne,
or deſtroy any Caſtle, Bulwerche, or forte, or any part of them,
hauyng any munition or ordinaunce of the Queenes Maieſties
therein, or appoynted to be garded with any ſouldiers for: di-
nce thereof within this Realme, or within any of her Maieſties Do-
minions or countreys, or the marches of the ſame, and the ſame
compaſſes, imaginations, practiſes, conspiracies, or deuises, or

any of them, shal, and do aduisedly by any expresse wordes, speech, acte, deede, or writing, expresse, bitter, or declare, for any the malicious and rebellious intentes aforesayde: that then euery suche person and persons, so hereafter offending in any the premises, their aydours, counsellours, comforters, consentours, and abettours, knowing thereof, beyng thereof lawfully convicted according to the lawes of this Realme, shalbe iudged a felon, and felons, and that euery suche offence shalbe iudged to be felonie, and the offendour and offendours therein, their sayde aydours, comforters, counsellours, and abettours, beyng thereof lawfully convicted, shall haue and suffer paynes of death, as in cases of felonie, without hauyng any benefite of Cleargie or Sanctuarie, and also shall forsayte and lose all his goodes and cattelles, landes and tenementes, as in other cases of felonie hath benne bled and accustomed.

And be it further enacted by thauthozitie aforesayde, that if any person or persons, do at any tyme hereafter with force, maliciously and rebelliously detainie, keepe, or withholde, from the Queenes Maiestie, any of her Castles, Townes, Fortresses, or Holdes, within this Realme, or within any her Maiesties dominions or Countreys, or Marches of the same: or do maliciously, rebelliously, and with force detainie, keepe, or withholde from her Maiestie, any of her Shippes, Ordnauce, Artyllarie, or other munitions, or fortifications of warres, and do not render a gear by the same to our sayde soueraigne Lady, or to suche person as her Maiestie shall appoynt to receaue the same to her Maiesties vse, within fyre dayes next after he or they so offending, shalbe commaunded by our sayde soueraigne Lady the Queene, by open proclamations vnder the great Seale of Englande, to be made in any place or market Towne within the Countie where any such offence shalbe committed: or shall wylfully, maliciously, and rebelliously, burne or destroy, or cause to be burned or destroyed, any of the Queenes Shippes: or maliciously, & rebelliously barre, or cause to be barred any haven within any of the Queenes Maiesties dominions: that then euery such person and persons so offending, their aydours, counsellours, and abettours, being thereof lawfully convicted, according to the lawes of this Realme, shalbe adujudged traitours, and their offences in any the premises, shalbe accepted, iudged, and taken for high treason, & the offendours therein, their aydours, counsellours, and abettours, beyng thereof lawfully convicted according to the lawes of this Realme, shal haue and suffer suche paynes of death, and also shall forsayte and lose,

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as in cases of high treason is limited and accustomed. This acte to endure during the Queenes Maiesties life that now is, onely.

An acte agaynst suche

as shal conspire or practise the enlargement
of any prisoner, committed for hygh
treason.

Chapter. ij.



Orasmuche as great daunger
may ensue to the Queenes Ma-
iesties person, and great trouble
to the state of the Realme, by
vnlawfull conspiracies, deuises,
and imaginations, to enlarge and
set at libertie suche persons, as be;
or shalbe committed to any pri-
son, garde, or custodie, for any trea-
son, touching the royall person of
our sayde soueraigne Lady, a-
gaynst whiche deuises, conspira-

cies, and imaginations, sufficient remedie by the lawes of this
Realme, hath not ben heretofore had, ne provided, whilste the
same conspiracies, imaginations, and deuises, were executed and
brought to effect: Be it therefore enacted by our sayde soueraigne
Lady the Queene, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and
the Commons in this Parliament assembled, and by the auctho-
ritie of the same, that if any person or persons, at any time after
the ende of this present session of Parliament, shall imagine, con-
spire, deuise, inuent, or goe about vnlawfully and malitiously, to
enlarge, or set at libertie, any person or persons, committed, or to
be committed to any prison, garde, or custodie, by her hyghnesse es-
peciall commaundement for any treason, or suspicion of treason,
concernyng the person of our sayd soueraigne Lady the Queene,

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And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any person or persons, at any tyme after thende of this present session of Parliament, shal imagine, conspire, deuise, inuent, or go about vnlawfully and malitiously, to enlarge, or set at libertie, any person or persons, committed, or to be committed to any prison, gard, or custodie, beyng, or whiche hereafter shalbe indicted of any treason, in any wyse concernyng the person of our sayde soueraigne Lady the Queene, and the same conspiracies, imaginations, deuises, or inuentions, shall by expresse wordes, writing, or other matter, or acte, expressely or manifestly, set forth, utter, or declare, that then euery suche person so offending, shalbe deemed and adjudged a felon, and suffer, lose, and forfayte, as in cases of felonie, by the due course of the lawes of this Realme.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any person or persons, at any tyme after thende of this present session of Parliament, shal imagine, conspire, deuise, inuent, or go about vnlawfully and maliciously to enlarge, or set at libertie any person or persons, beyng committed to any prison, garde, or custodie, after the same person or persons, is, or shalbe attainted or convicted of any treason, in any wyse concernyng the royal person of our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queene, and the same conspiracies, imaginations, deuises, or inuentions, shall by expresse wordes, writing, matter, or acte, as is aforesayde, set forth, utter, or declare: that then euery such person so offending, shalbe deemed, and adiudged an hygh traytour, and shal suffer, lose, and forsayte, as in cases of hygh treason by the lawes and statutes of this Realme. This acte to endure duryng the Queenes Maiesties lyfe that nowe is, onely.

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An acte agaynst the forging

and counterfayting of forraigne coygne,

be yng not currant within this

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Orasmuch as by the lawes of statutes of this Realme, small or no condigne punishment is at this tyme provided for suche euyl disposed persons, as shall counterfayte, or forge suche kynde of golde or syluer of other Realmes, as is not the proper coygne of this Realme, nor currant in payment within this Realme: by reason whereof, diuers euyl disposed persons, as wel without this Realme,

as within, are encouraged and boldened dayly to counterfayte or forge suche kynde of golde and syluer; and vtter the same in this Realme, in great disceit of her Maiesties subiectes. Be it enacted by our sayd soueraigne Lady the Queene, the Lordes Spiritual and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by thauthoritie of the same, that if any person or persons, hereafter falsely forge or counterfayte any suche kynde of coygne of gold or syluer, as is not the proper coygne of this Realme, nor permitted to be currant within this Realme: that then every suche offence shalbe deemed and iudged misprision of hygh treason, and the offendours therein, their procurers, aydours, and abettours, being comitted accordyng to the lawes of this Realme of suche offences, shalbe imprisoned, and forfayte suche landes, goodes, and chattelles, as in cases of misprision of treason, for comflement of hygh treason.

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An act to reuiue a statute
made Anno primo of the Queenes Maiesties
raigne, inhibiting the carying of leather,
tallowe, and rawe hydes out of
the Realme.

Chapter. iiii.



Here in the Parliament be-
gunne at Westminster the. xxiij.
day of Januarie, in the first yere
of the raigne of our soueraigne
Lady the Queenes most excellent
Maiestie, ther was one very good
acte and statute made prohibiting
the transporting and carying of
leather, rawe hydes, and tallowe
out of this Realme, entituled, An
act, that the conueying of leather,
tallowe, or rawe hydes out of the

Realme for marchandise, shalbe felonie: whiche acte and statute
was made to continue but for a certayne tyme, a nowe is expired
and determined for want of continuance at the last Parliament.
And forasmuche as by experience it hath well appeared, that since
the determination of the sayde good lawe and statute, there hath
ben, and yet dayly is suche great transportation of leather, rawe
hydes, and tallowe out of this Realme, that therby great scarcitie
and dearth thereof is nowe growen amonges the Queenes Ma-
iesties most louing and obedient subiectes, and specially amonges
those of the pooerest sort, who are nowe compelled to pay for their
bootes and shoes almost double the price that they dyd before the
determination of the sayde good lawe and statute. For remedy
whereof, be it enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie,
with thassent of the Lordes Spirituall and Tempozall, and the
Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the au-
thoritie of the same, that the sayd acte and statute made in the sayd
Parliament, begunne the sayde. xxiij. day of Januarie, in the sayd
first yere, entituled as is beforesayde, and al and euery byaunche,
article,

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article, clause, and sentence therein contayned, shall from and after the feast day of saint Bartholomewe thapostle next commynge, be reuiued, and stande & be in full force and effect, for. and during the space of seuen yeres then next folowynge, and also after the end of the sayde seuen yeres, then to the ende of the next Parliament, next folowynge the end and determination of the sayd seuen yeres, any thyng heretofore had, made, or done, or suffered to the contrary thereof, notwithstanding.

An Acte for the punish- ment of vacaboundes, and for the releefe of the poore and impotent.

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Here all the partes of this Realme of Englande and waales, be presently with roges, vacaboundes, & sturdie beggers exceedynge pestred, by meanes whereof dayly happeneth in the same Realme horrible murders, thestes, & other great outrages, to the hygh displeasure of almighty GOD, and to the great anoy of the common weale: and for auoydng confusi-

on by reason of nũbers of lawes, concernynge the premises, standynge in force togeather: be it enacted, that the statute made in the. xxi. yere of the raigne of the late kyng Henry the eyght, entituled, An acte concernynge aged, poore and impotent persons, compelled to lyue by almes, howe they shalbe ordered, and howe vacaboundes & myghtie strong beggers shalbe punished: and one other act, entituled, An act touching the punishment of vacaboundes, and other idle persons, made in the third & fourth yeres of the raigne of the late kyng Edward the. vi. and one other acte made in the fifth yere of the raigne of our soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie that now is, entituled, Tri
acte

acte for the releefe of the poore, and euery braunche, article, claime, and sentence in them, and euery of them conteyned, shalbe from and after the feast of Saint Bartholomewe the apostle next commynge, vtterly boyde, frustrate, and of none effect.

Be it also enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, as well for the vtter suppressyng of the sayd outrageous enemies to the common weale, as for the charitable relieving of the aged and impotent poore people, in maner & forme folowynge. First, that all and euery person & persons, whatsoeuer they be, beyng aboue the age of fourtene yeres, beyng hereafter set forth by this acte of Parliament to be rogges, vacaboundes, oz sturdie beggers, and be at any tyme after the feast of S. Bartholomewe the apostle next commynge taken begging in any part of this Realme, oz taken bagrant, wandryng, and misorderyng them selues contrarie to the purport of this present act of parliament, in any part of the same, shal vpon their apprehencion, be brought before one of the Justices of the peace, oz Mayor, oz cheefe Officer of Cities, Boroughes, and Townes corporate, within the Countie, Citie, Borough, oz Towne corporate where the apprehencion shal happen to be, and by the sayd Justice oz head officer to be presently committed to the common gaole of the sayde Countie, beyng apprehended within the Countie, oz els suche other place as by the Justices of peace of that Countie, oz thre of them, at any their generall sessions shalbe appoynted: and if he be taken within any Citie, Borough, oz Towne corporate, then to be committed to the prison of the said Citie, Borough, oz Towne corporate, there to remaine without bayle oz maynpryse vntyll the next sessions of the peace, oz general gaole deliuerie for the sayde Shire, Citie, Borough, oz Towne corporate, to be holden, whiche shall first happen: and the Constables, oz other officers, for the conueying of suche roge oz vacabounde by commaundement of the sayde Justices, to haue suche reasonable charges for them selues and the prisoner, from tyme to tyme, borne by the parische oz parishes where the sayde roge oz vacabounde shall happen to be taken, as to the discretion of the Justices of peace present at the next assises, oz at the sessions of the peace then next kept within the limit where the prisoner is apprehended, shal seme conuenient. At which sessions oz gaole deliuerie, if suche person oz persons be duely convict of his oz her roge oz vacaboundes trade of life, either by inquest of office, oz by the testimonie of two honest & credible witnessses vpon their othes: that then immediatly he oz she shalbe adiudged to be greuously whipped, and burnt through the grille of the ryght eare, with a

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hot iron of the compasse of an inch about, manifestyng his or her rogishe hynde of lyfe, and his or her punishment receaued for the same, whereof entrie shalbe made of Recorde by the Clarke of the peace of the same Shire, in the recordes of the same sessions, whiche iudgement shall also presently be executed, except some honest person, valued at the last subsidie next before that tyme to fyue poundes in goodes, or twentie shyllynges in landes, or els some such honest housholder, as by the Justices of the peace of the same Countie, or two of them shalbe allowed, wyl of his charitie be contented presently to take suche offendour before the same Justices into his seruice for one whole yere next folowynge, and to that ende, wyl presently before the saide Justices enter into bande by recognisaunce to thuse of our soueraigne Lady the Queene, to pay to our sayde soueraigne Lady, the summe of fyue poundes, if he keepeth not the sayde offendour in his seruice by the space of the sayde whole yere, and to byng him or her vnto the sessions at the yeres ende, or then good prooffe of his or her death durynge the sayde yere, the sayde Clarke of the peace, takynge for the sayde recognisaunce but .xii. d. onely. And if suche roge or bacabounde so taken into seruice, depart within the sayde yere from the sayde seruice, agaynst the wyl of hym that so taketh him or her into seruice: that then suche roge or bacabounde, shalbe whynned and burnt through the grille of the right eare with a hot iron, as is aforesayde.

Provided alwayes neuerthelesse, that yf the sayde person so committed, or to be committed, come before the next sessions of the peace, or the next gaole deliuerie, to be holden for the sayde Countie, or before their committing, and do fynde any suche suretie as is next before recited, to be bounde in shurme aforesayd, for hym or her for one whole yere: then the sayde person shall not carrie in the gaole tyll the next sessions, or tyll the next gaole deliuerie.

And be it further enacted, that the sayde person or persons so marked or adjudged to be burnt, as aforesayde, shall not be dealt withal againe by way of punishment by the space of fourtie dayes next after the sayde punishment executed, or adjudged to be burnt as is aforesayde, yf he or she haue license for the sayde fourtie dayes from two Justices of the peace of the same Shire, testifying the punishment receaued, or iudgement geuen: but if after the sayde punishment executed, or iudgement geuen, the sayde person or persons so marked or haupyng receaued suche iudgement, do after threescore dayes next after he, she, or they shall so be marked, cyther

eyther in the same Countie where he or she was so marked, or ha-
 uing receaued such iudgement, or els in any other Countie with-
 in the sayde Realme of Englande or wales, beyng of the age of
 eyghtene yeres or aboue, do eftsones sal agayne to any kynde of
 rogishe or bacabounde trade of lyfe: that then the sayde roge,
 bacabounde, or sturpy begger, from thencefoorth to be taken, ad-
 iudged and deemed in all respectes as a felon, and shall in all de-
 grees receaue, haue, suffer, and forsayte as a felon, except some ho-
 nest person valued at the last Subsidie next befoze that tyme to
 tenne poundes in goodes, or fourtie shyllynges in landes, or els
 some suche honest housholder, as by the Justices of the peace of
 the same Countie, or two of them, shall be allowed, of mere charitie
 wyl be contented befoze suche Justices, as the sayde bacabounde
 is or shall be arraigned of felonie, to take him or her into his seruice
 for two whole yeres then next folowing, and then befoze the same
 Justices, wyl then presently put in bonde by recognisaunce of
 ten poundes, to be leuyed of his landes, tenementes, goodes, and
 cattels, to thuse of our sayd soueraigne Lady, if he keepeth not the
 sayde offendour in his seruice for two whole yeres, and bring him
 or her vnto the sessions at the sayde two yeres ende, or good proce
 of his or her death. And if suche roge or bacabounde so taken into
 seruice, depart within the same two yeres from his or her said ser-
 uice, agaynst the wyl of hym that so tooke hym or her into ser-
 uice: that then suche roge or bacabounde, shall be taken, adiudged,
 and deemed as a felon in al respectes, and shall in al degrees, haue,
 suffer, and forsayte as a felon, without allowaunce or benefite of
 Cleargie or Sanctuarie. And if suche roge or bacabounde, after
 fourtie dayes next after he or she shall be two severall tymes taken
 into seruice, as is aforesayde, do eyther in the sayd Countie, or els
 where eftsones the thirde tyme sal agayne to a kinde of rogishe or
 bacabounde trade of lyfe: that then such roge or bacabounde shall
 be adiudged and deemed for a felon, and suffer paynes of death,
 and losse of landes and goodes as a felon, without allowaunce or
 benefite of Cleargie or Sanctuarie.

And for the full exprelling what person and persons shall be in-
 tended within this braunche to be roges, bacaboundes, and
 sturdie beggers, to haue and receaue the punishment afo-
 sayde, for the sayde lewde maner of lyfe: it is now published,
 declared and set forth by the auctoritie of this present Parlia-
 ment, that all and euery suche person and persons, that be or
 better them selues to be Proctours or Procuratours, going in
 or about anye Countrey or Countreys within this Realme,
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without sufficient authoritie, derived from, or vnder our soueraigne Ladye the Queene: and all other ydle persons going about in any Countrey of the sayde Realme, vsing subtyll, craftie, and vnlawfull games or playes, and some of them saygnyng them selues to haue knowledge in Philisomie, Palmestrie, or other abused sciences, whereby they beare the people in hande they can tell theyr desenties, deathes, and fortunes, and suche other lyke fantasticall imaginations: and all and euery person and persons, beyng whole and myghtie in body, and able to labour, hauing not lande or maister, nor vsing any lawfull maner chaundize, craft, or mysterie, whereby he or she myght get his or her lyving, and can geue no reckonyng howe he or she doth lawfully get his or her lyving: and al fencers, bearewardes, common players in enterludes, and minstrelles, not belonging to anye Baron of this Realme, or to wardes any other honourable personage of greater degree, all iuglers, pedlers, tynkers, and petie chapmen: whiche sayde fencers, bearewardes, common players in enterludes, minstrels, iuglers, pedlers, tynkers, and petie chapmen, shal wander abroad, and haue not licence of two Iustices of the peace at the leaste, whereof one to be of the Quorum, where and in what Shire they shal happen to wander: and al common labourers, beyng persons able in bodye, vsing loyterynge, and refusing to worke for suche reasonable wages as is taxed, and commonly geuen in suche partes where suche persons do or shal happen to dwel: and al counterseptures of licences, passportes, and abusers of the same, knowyng the same to be countersepte: and all scollers of the vniuersities of Oxforde or Cambridge, that go about beggyng, not being authorized vnder the seale of the sayde vniuersities, by the Commissarie, Chauncelour, or vice Chauncelour of the same: and all shippemen, pretending losses by Sea, other then suche as shalbe hereafter prouided for: and all persons deliuered out of gaoles, that begge for theyr fees, or do trauaile to theyr Countreys or freendes, not hauing licence from two Iustices of the peace of the same Countie where he or she was deliuered: shalbe taken, adiudged, and deemed rogues, bacaboundes, and sturdie beggers, intended of by this present acte, together with al and euery suche other person and persons, as shalbe hereafter for alteryng and breakyng of suche good orders as in the seconde parte of this present acte shalbe established for the releefe of the aged and impotent poore people, set forth and declared to be bacaboundes.

And further be it enacted, that yf any person or persons, after

the sayde feast of saint Bartholome we, geue any harborough, money, or lodgynge, or any other releefe to any roge, vacabounde, or sturdie begger, eyther marked as before, or not marked, not hauing suche a licence, as is before recited, from two Iustices of the peace then in continuance, and that duely prooued before the Iustices of the peace at theyr quarter sessions: shall make suche fine to the Queenes Maiestie, as by the discretions of the sayde Iustices, or the more part of them, at theyr general sessions shalbe assessed, so as the same excede not twentie shyllynges. And also yf any person or persons do disturbe or let the execution of this act in any maner of wyse, or make rescuile against any Maior, Sheriffe, Bayliffe, or other person, that shal endeavour hym selfe, for, or about the due execution hereof, shal forfeite & lose fine poundes, and ouer that, shall haue imprisonment at the Queenes Maiesties pleasure.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that this acte, nor anye thing herein conteyned, shal extende to make any person or persons accessarie, or accessaries to the sayd felonies made by this statute, nor that any attaynder by any the felonies aforesayd, shal worke or be any corruption of blood in the issues or line of the person attainted.

¶ Prouided also, that it shalbe styl lawfull to al maisters and gouernours of the Hospitales, to lodge or harbour anye impotent or aged person or persons of charitie or almes, according to theyr foundation, and to geue money in almes, in as large manner as they are bounde to do by theyr foundation, to anye suche aged or impotent person: any thyng herein conteyned to the contrary in any wyse, notwithstanding.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that shipmen, and souldiers, hauing licence of the next two Iustices of the peace to the place where they first happened to lande, or where they firste entred into this Realme, shal and may passe accordyng to the purpose of their licence, and intent of this acte of Parliament: anye thyng herein conteyned to the contrary in any wyse, notwithstanding.

¶ Be it also further prouided, that no licence recited in this statute, shall geue anye maner libertie, or be of any maner force, but only in the Shire whereof the graunter or graunters of suche licence shalbe Iustice or Iustices of peace. wherfore yf the said partie licensed, wil haue any further passage, without the daunger of this lawe, then the Shire where his first licence is graunted, it shalbe behoueful for hym to procure and get in euery other Shire where he intendeth to passe, one other licence from two Iustices of the peace of the sayde Shire, and so from Shire to Shire, to the

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the ende of his tourney. Be it also provided, that this act, nor any thyng therein conteyned, do in any wyse extende to any Cockeris, or haruest folkes, that trauaile into any countrey of this Realme for haruest worke, eyther come haruest, or hay haruest, if they do worke and labour accordyngly, neither yet to any that happeneth to be robbed or spoyled by the way, neither yet to any seruing men that be of honest behauiour, that be turned from theyr maisters, or whose maister or maistresse shalbe dead, for the space of sixe monethes next after suche turnyng away, or death of such maister or maistresse, so as euery suche seruing man hath a testimonial from his maister or maistresse, or from two Iustices of the peace of the same Countie, declaryng suche turnyng away, or suche death of his maister or maistresse.

Provided alwayes, that it shalbe lawfull to the lord Chauncellour, or lord keeper of the great seale of Englande for the tyme being, to make licence vnder the sayde great seale as heretofore hath ben accustomed, and that the sayde licence and licences, shal as largely extende as the contentes of them will beare: any thyng herein to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that this present acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende to make frustrate or voyde any safe conduct, pasporte, or license, made and graunted, or to be made and graunted by the Lorde Deputie of Irelande, or by the Lorde gouernour of the Townes and Garisons of Barwyke, or Carlisle, for the tyme being, or any other cheefe captayne or gouernour of any castle or fortreffe of the Queenes Maiesties, or by any other in his or theyr absence hauyng the charge of the sayde Townes and Garisons, or by any the Guardians of the three Marches towardes Scotlande, or by any General, Lieutenantaunt, or other cheefe officer appoynted by the Queenes Maiestie to haue the charge and conduction of any armie, Garison, or power of men, leuied or to be leuied by her highnesse order and appoyntment, and for the special seruite and affaires of her Maiestie, her heires, or successours, or by any priuate captayne vpon the dispearyng of any armie, only to any souldiour or souldiours, or any other person or persons whatsoever, within this her Realmes of Englande and Irelande, passing by vertue thereof about his or theyr lawfull busynesse and affaires: but that he or they shall and may quietly without any let or disturbaunce, enioy the benefite, effect, and true meanyng thereof, in as large and ample manner and fourme, as heretofore it hath ben vsed and accustomed: any thyng

in this present acte mentioned to the contrary in any wyse, not withstanding.

Provided alwayes, that this present acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shal not in any wyse extende to the punishment of any suche person or persons, as by this statute are limited for roges, vnlesse the same be of the age of foureteene yeres or aboue, but that they and euery of them vnder that age, shalbe punished with whipping or stockyng, as heretofore hath ben vbled and appointed by the lawes and statutes in that case provided, and now repealed: this acte or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary hereof in any wyse, not withstanding.

And it is further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that yf within anye towne or parishe, where anye suche vacabounde or roge shal happen to begge, or make his abode, contrary to the fourme of this statute, yf the Constable or Tything men be negligent, and do not his or theyr best endeuous for the apprehension of suche vacabounde or roge, whiche there shal begge or make abode, contrary to the fourme in this statute limited, or shal wyllyngly suffer the sayd vacabounde or roge to escape from the punishment or order in this statute prescribed: that then the sayde Constable or Tything man in whom suche default shalbe, shal lose and forfeite for euery suche vacabounde and vagrant person, that shalbe suffered to begge, or make abode within his aucthoritie, contrary to the fourme of this statute. vi. s. viii. d. And for as muche as charitie would, that pooze, aged, and inpotent persons shoulde as necessarily be provided for, as the sayde roges, vacaboundes and sturdie beggers repressed, and that the saide aged, inpotent and pooze people should haue conuenient habitations and abiding places throughtout this realme to settle them selues vpon, to the ende that they, nor anye of them shoulde hereafter begge, or wander about: It is therefore enacted by the aucthoritis of this present Parliament, that the Iustices of peace of al and singular the Shires of Englande and Wales, within the limits of theyr commissions, and al other Iustices of the peace, Maiors, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, and other officers of al and euery Citie, Borough, Rydyng, and franchises within this Realme, whereof they be Iustices at peace within the limittes of their aucthoritie, shal at, or before the sayde feast of saint Bartholomewe nexte comming, diuide them selues, and so beyng diuided, shal within euery of theyr seuerall diuisions and aucthorities, make diligent searche and inquirie of al aged, pooze, inpotent, and decayed persons, bozne within theyr sayde diuisions and limittes, or whiche were

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were there dwelling within three yeres nexte before this present Parliament, whiche lyue, or of necessitie be compelled to lyue by almes, of the charitie of the people that be or shalbe abiding within the limittes of theyr commissions and auctorities: and shall bypon that searche made, make a register booke, conteyning the names & surnames of al suche aged, decayed, and impotent pooze people, as be within theyr sayd limittes and auctorities, which shall alwayes remayne with the sayde Justices, Maiors, Bayliffes, or other head officers, or any one of them. And when the number of the sayde pooze people forced to liue bypon almes, be by that meanes truely knowen, then the sayde Justices, Maiors, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, and other officers, shall within like convenient tyme, deuise and appoynt within euery theyr sayde seuerall diuisions, meete and convenient places by theyr discretions, to settle the same pooze people for theyr habitations and abidinges, yf the parishe within the whiche they shalbe founde, shall not, or will not prouide for them, and shall also within like convenient tyme, number all the sayde pooze people within theyr sayde seuerall limittes: and thereupon (hauing regarde to the number) set downe what portion the weekely charge towards the releefe and sustentation of the saide pooze people wyll amount vnto, within euery theyr sayde seuerall diuisions and limittes: and that done, they the sayde Justices, Maiors, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, and other officers, within euery theyr seuerall commissions, auctorities, diuisions, and limittes, shal by theyr good discretions taxe and aslesse all and euery the inhabitauntes, dwelling in all and euerye Citie, Borough, Towne, Village, Hamlet, and place knowen within the sayde limittes and diuisions, to suche weekely charge, as they and euerye of them shal weekely contribute towards the releefe of the sayde pooze poople: and the names of al such inhabitauntes taxed, shall also enter into the sayde register booke together with theyr taxation: and also shall by theyr discretion, within euery theyr sayde diuisions and limittes, appoynt or see collectours for one whole yere to be appoynted, of the sayde weekely portion, whiche shal collect & geather the sayde proportion, and make deliuerie of so muche thereof, accordynge to the discretion of the sayde Justices, Maiors, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, and other officers, to the sayd pooze people, as the sayd Justices, Maiors, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, and other officers shal appoint them: And also shal appoynt ouerseers of the sayd pooze people by their discretions, to continue also for one whole yere: and yf they do refuse to be ouerseers, then euery of them so refusing, to forsaite

tenne shillinges for every suche default.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that the Mayor of the Citie of London, and the Mayor, Sheriffs, Bayliffes, and other head officers of every other Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, or his or theyr sufficient deputie or deputies, within theyr Cities, Boroughes, and Townes corporate, and the Constables or Tythingmen of all and every Hundred, Rape, and Wapentake, within all and every the sayde Hyres in Englande, and Wales, in all and every suche abyding place and places within theyr hundredes, liberties, and precinctes, as shalbe appoynted to settle the poore people in, shal once every moneth next after the sayde places so appoynted be inhabited with the sayde poore people, accordyng to the intent of this present acte of Parliament, make a viewe and searche of all the aged, impotent, and lame persons within the precinct of theyr iurisdictiones: and all suche person and persons as they shall fynde not being borne within that division, nor within the sayd Citie, Boroughes, or Townes corporate, then shal they presently see the same poore people not there borne, nor dwelling within the sayde three yeeres (except leproous people, and bedded people) to be conveyed on horsebacke, in carte, or otherwyle, as shal seeme best to theyr discretions, to the next Constable, and so from Constable to Constable, the directest way, tyll the sayde person and persons be brought to the place where he or she was borne, or mosse conuersaunt by the space of three yeeres next before, and there to be put in the abyding place, or one of the abyding places in that Countrey appoynted, or to be appoynted for the habitation of the poore people of that Countrey, there to be provided, kepte, and nourished of almes, as is aforesayde, vpon payne of twenty shillinges, every the sayd officer that neglecting.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that yf any of the sayde poore people, vpon the appoyntment of the sayde Justices or other officers, refuse to be bestowed in any of the sayde abyding places before mentioned, but couet still to holde on theyr trade of beggyng: or after they be once bestowed in the sayde abyding place or places, doo depart and begge: then the sayde person and persons so offendyng, for the fyrste offence to be accounted a roge or bacabounde, and to suffer as a roge or bacabounde in the firste degree of punishment set forth by this acte in all poyntes: And yf he, she, or they doo the second tyme offende, then to be esteemed as a roge or bacabounde, & to suffer as a roge or bacabounde in the last degree of punishment set forth by this acte in all poyntes.

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And it is further enacted by auctoritie of this present Parliament, that if anye manner of person or persons appoynted and elected to be Collectours, as is aforesayde, shall refuse the sayde office, or shall after he hath agreed to it neglecte the same, he shall forfeite and lose for every offence to the use of the poore of the same place fourtie shillings of lawfull money of Englande, to be leuyed by distresse, or recovered by action, byll, playnt, or information, in any Court of recorde, or lordes Court, by the hygh Constables or Tithing men aforesayde: In whiche suite, no essoigne, protection, nor wager of lawe shalbe allowed or admitted to the partie defendaunt. And if the sayde hygh Constables shalbe remisse or negligent to sue, or shall refuse to sue the sayde Collectours and euery of them, within two monethes nexte after suche refusall, or negligence in or by the sayde Collectour: that then the said hygh Constables or Tithing men, shal forfeite and lose five poundes of lawfull money of Englande, to thuse of the poore of the same place, to be sued for, by a in the name of two of the nexte Justices to the sayde place or places, beyng out of Citie, Boroughes, and Townes corporate: if within, then by the Mayor, Bayliffes, or other head officers of the sayd Citie, Boroughes, or Townes corporate, in any Court of recorde or Lordes Court, by action of debt, byll, playnt, or information, in whiche no essoigne, protection, or wager of lawe shalbe allowed.

And further be it enacted, that the sayde Collectours, and euery of them, so to be chosen, as is aforesayde, shall make theyr suite accompt halfe peere of theyr sayde collection and gathering, to two Justices of the peace, dwelling next to the sayde abyding place or places, not being within any Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate: or to the Mayor, Sheriffes, or other cheefe officers, of the sayde Citie, Boroughes, or Townes corporate: and when they goe out of theyr offices, they shal deliuer, or cause to be deliuered forthwith vpon theyr accomptes, al such surplussages of their collection and gathering, as shal then remayne vndistributed, to be ordered by the sayde Justices, Mayors, Bayliffes, or other head officers, vpon the sayde payne of tenne poundes. If anye suche Collectour shall refuse to make his sayde accompt, or neglect the same, by the space of foureteene dayes after request to him therfore made: then the sayde two Justices, or one of them, to commit the sayde Collectour to the next gaole for the sayd Countie, there to remayne without bayle or maynepryse, tyll he haue made his sayde accompt, and immediat payment and deliuerie of all suche surplussages as he hath receaued.

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And be it further enacted, that yf any person or persons, being able to further this charitable worke, wylly obstatinately refuse to geue towarde the helpe and releefe of the sayde poore people, or doo wylfully discourage others from so charitable a deede: the sayde obstatinate person or wylfull discourager, shall presently be brought before two Iustices of the peace, wherof one to be of the Quorum, of the same Countie, to heare the cause of his obstatinate refusal, or wylful discouragement, and to abyde suche order therein, as the said Iustices shall appoynt: yf he refuse so to do, then to be committed to the next gaole for the sayde Shire, there to remaine vntyll he be contented with theyr sayde order, and do performe the same.

And it is also further enacted, that yf any of the sayde aged and impotent persons, not being so diseased, lame, or impotent, but that they may worke in some maner of worke, shalbe by the overseers of theyr sayde abyding place appoynted to worke, yf they refuse, then in foure aforesayde to be whipped and stocked for theyr first refusal, and for theyr seconde refusal to be punished as in case of vacaboundes in the sayde first degree of punishment.

Provided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that three Iustices of peace, wherof one to be of the Quorum, of and with the surplussages of the sayde collections and forseitures, (the sayde poore and impotent people satisfied and provided for) shal by theyr discretions in such convenient place and places within theyr sayde Shires as they shal thinke meete, place and settle to worke the rogges and vacaboundes that shalbe disposed to worke, borne within theyr sayde Counties, or there abyding for the moste parte within the sayde three yerres, there to be holden to worke by the oversyght of the sayde overseers, to get theyr livinges, and to live and to be sustained only vpon theyr labour and trauaile.

Be it also further enacted by the auctoritie of this presente Parliament, that yf any beggers chylde, being aboue the age of five yerres, and vnder foureteene yerres, being male or female, shalbe lyked of by any subject of this Realme of honest calling, who shalbe wyllyng to take the sayde chylde into service, the sayde subject shall at the next generall Sessions to be holden for the sayde Countie, by order of the Iustices there, or the moste part of them, haue the sayde chylde bounde with him: if it be a man chylde, tyll the age of foure and twentie yerres, yf it be a woman chylde, tyll the age of eyghteen yerres. If the chylde do after departe, or
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be taken, or be intised from the sayde maister or maistresse, the maister or maistresse to haue theyr remedie by order of the statute of labourers, as for theyr seruauit, eyther by way of action, or other wyse, as well agaynst the chylde, as agaynst the taker or intiser thereof.

Be it also enacted by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that al the forseyntures appoynted, or to growe by this statute, (except the forseyntures of Iustices of peace) shall wholly go, and be employed to the vse of the pooze aforesayd, and shalbe leuied by distresse by the discretion of the Iustices of the same Countie, or two of them, or other head officers aforesayde, & that the Iustices of peace in al Shires of Englande, shall in theyr quarter Sessions next after Easter, yerely examine the perfourmaunce, or not perfourmaunce of this statute, accorpyng to the tenour thereof, as they are bounde to do the statute of labourers, and at theyr sayde Sessions shall yerely appoynt newe collectours, and newe ouerseers for the causes aforesayde, and shal then also agree vpon newe biewes and searches of the sayde impotent people within euery theyr limittes for the yere folowing yf neede shalbe, and further at theyr sayde Sessions, shall take order by theyr good discretions, for al and euery thyng and thynges, that may in any wise further the intent of this acte.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that three Iustices of peace, within all the Shires of this Realme, where of one to be of the Quorum, shall haue full power by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, to heare and determine al causes, (except forseyntures of Iustices of peace) that shall come in question by reason of this present acte.

Provided also, that forasmuche as it is thought that the inhabitants of diuers Counties, cities, and townes within this Realme, be not able to releue the pooze, lame, and impotent persons with money, to be collected in maner and fourme aforesayd, and that it were ouer great a burthen to the collectours, for to gather meate, drynke, corne, or other thinges for theyr releefe, to be employed and bestowed in fourme aforesayde: Therefore it is further enacted, that it shalbe lawfull to and for the Iustices of the peace, in theyr open Sessions of the peace, or for the moste part of them there assembled, within any the Counties, cities, or townes of this Realme, where collection of money can not presentlye be had, as this present acte wyllith and appoynteth, to graunt licence vnder theyr handes and seales, to suche, and so manye of the sayde pooze and impotent, or diseased persons, or to anye
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other person or persons, to be by the sayde Iustices assigned and allowed for the sayde poore, to aske, gather, and receaue, within suche other Towne, Parithe, or Parishes of the sayde Countie, as the said Iustices, or the most part of them, there then in theyr sayde Session assembled, shal especially name, appoynt, limit, and assigne, the charitable deuotion, & almes, at the house or houses of the inhabitauntes of such towne, parithe or parishes, by the sayde Iustices, named, appoynted, limited, or assigned, so that they do appoynt the sayde poore so to be releued only within the townes and parishes beyng within the diuisions of the same Iustices that so shall geue such licence or licences: and that the inhabitauntes of euery such parithe or parishes, to the which suche poore or impotent persons shalbe so appoynted, as is aforesayde, shalbe coacted and bounde by vertue of this act, vnder such payne as to the discretion of the sayde Iustices there in theyr session assembled, or the moste part of them, shall seeme conuenient, to releue the sayde poore and impotent persons, in such sort, as the sayde Iustices there assembled shall appoynt.

And be it further enacted, that yf it shall happen any citie or Towne corporate, to haue in it more impotent and poore folkes, not able to labour, then the sayde towne or citie is able to releue, and the said citie or towne corporate is a Countie of it selfe, or scituate, or standyng in one Countie, & immediately adioynyng to another, that in those cities or townes, the Mayor or head officers of the sayde citie or towne, shall make certificate to the Iustices of the counties adioynyng to the said cities or townes, and the same Iustices of the sayde adioynyng Countie or townes, in theyr general Sessions of the peace, shal geue licence, and folowe the order aboue remembred, accordyng as other Iustices of the Counties in the whiche any Towne or parithe surcharged standeth, are before limited, and aucthorized to do.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that al and euery summe & summes of money, from henceforth to be collected or gathered within the citie of London, and the liberties of the same, by vertue of this acte, shalbe payde vnto the gouernour of the Hospitall, called the Hospitall of Christs Church, within the sayd citie of London, for the time being, and shalbe by them from time to time distributed, and bestowed, for the releefe of the poore of the same citie, accordyng to theyr wisdomes and discretions: any thing in this statute conteyned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

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that al and every summe and summes of money, from henceforth to be collected or gathered within the citie of Couentrie, and the liberties of the same, by vertue of this act, towarde the mayntenance and releefe of the Hospitall of pooze people, erected in the same citie, shalbe payd vnto such gouernour & gouernours of the said Hospitall, as now is, or hereafter shalbe admitted & appoynted by the Mayor and Aldermen of the sayde citie of Couentrie, or the more part of them, for the tyme being, and suche gouernour and gouernours so admitted and appoynted, as is aforesayde, shal from tyme to tyme distribute and bestowe for the releefe of the pooze within the sayde citie, the sayde summe or summes of money, according to theyr wisdomes & discretions: any thyng mentioned in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Whosed also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that al and every summe and summes of money, from henceforth to be payde, collected, or gathered, within the citie of Gloucester, liberties, and limittes of the same citie, for, and towarde the blesse or releefe of the pooze, and al and every other releefe which shalbe due and payable, or is to be peyled within the sayde citie, liberties, or limittes, for, and towarde the releefe of the sayde pooze, shalbe from tyme to tyme payde and deliuered, or otherwyle shall stande and be at the only rule, order, and disposition of the president & gouernours of the Hospitall of saint Bartholomewe, of the foundation of our nowe moste gracious soueraigne Lady Queene Elizabeth, within the sayde citie of Gloucester for the tyme being, and shalbe by them from tyme to tyme distributed, and bestowed for the releefe of the pooze of the sayde citie, according to theyr wisdomes and discretions.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the Bisshoppe of euery diocesse, or his Chauncelour for the tyme being, shall perely visite all Hospitalles in the diocesse of suche Bisshoppe, where no visitour by the founder or founders is appoynted, yf the founder of the sayde Hospitall be then dead, and to see and take order, that the sayde Hospitalles be ordered and bled accordyng to the statutes and ordinaunces of the foundation thereof, and yf the founder be then liuing, the sayde founder to visite the same duryng his lyfe, without anye the Bisshoppes visitation, and the same visitation to be at the onlfe costes and charges of the visitours, and not of the Hospitall: and that it shalbe lawfull to the Bisshoppe of the diocesse for the tyme being, where suche Hospitall is or shalbe, or his Chauncelour, vppon complaynte, or other intelligence of tulse cause, to take

take accompt howe the rentes, reuenues, and profittes of anye
 suche Hospitall hath ben bestowed and spent, to call before hym
 or them at the sayde Hospitall to accompt, all suche person and per-
 sons as haue had the collection or receipt of any the sayde rentes,
 issues, reuenues, or profittes. And yf any person or persons so cal-
 led, shall, and do refuse to accompt, or entering into accompt, shall
 refuse to proceede and finyssh the same, or vppon the finishing
 thereof, shall refuse forthwith to employ or answer to the use
 of the sayde Hospitall, suche summe or summes of money, as vpon
 the same accompt shall appeare to be due by hym: that then
 euery suche person and persons so refusing, shall forsaite and lose
 suche summe and summes of money, as to the sayde Bishoppe or
 Chauncelour, and to two Iustices of the peace next inhabiting
 to the sayde Hospitall, shalbe thought meete and conuenient, to
 whiche accomptes, the sayde Bishoppe or Chauncelour, shal call
 the same two Iustices of peace.

Provided also, and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid,
 that no person or persons, hauing charge of any barge in
 passing from the Realme of Ireland, or from the Isle of Manne,
 into this Realme of Englande, do from the laste day of June
 nexte commyng, wyttynglye, or wyllenglye transporte, bryng,
 cary, or conueygh, or suffer to be transported, brought, carped, or
 conueyghed in any shippe, picarde, bessel, boate, or boates, from
 and out of the sayde Realme of Irelande, or from, or out of the
 sayde Isle of Manne, into the Realme of Englande, or wales, or
 anye parte thereof, anye bacabounde, roge, or begger, or anye
 suche as shalbe forced, or very lyke to lyue by beggyng within the
 Realmes of Englande or wales, beyng borne in the Realme of
 Ireland, or in the said Isle of Manne, on paine of euery such per-
 son or persons, so brynging, transporting, caryng, or conueighing,
 either suffering to be brought, transported, caried, or conueighed in
 maner and fourme aforesaide, to forseyte and lose for euery suche
 bacabound, roge, begger, or other person whiche shalbe forced, or
 like to liue by beggyng within this Realme of England or wales,
 beyng transported, and set on lande in anye part of Englande or
 of wales, twentie shyllinges of lawfull Englishe money, to the
 use of the poore of the same Parishe in whiche they were set on
 lande, to be leuied by the collectours of the same poore for the
 tyme beyng, by seizure and selling of any the goodes and cattels
 of the same person, whiche shall so bryng, transporte, cary, or con-
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of Englands, or of Wales, to the value of the same forfeiture, and on the payne of the same bacaboundes, roges, and beggars, so set on lande, to be punished as the other bacaboundes and sturdie beggars, in this acte before mentioned and declared.

And be it likewise enacted, yf any suche maniske or Irishe roge, bacabounde, or beggar, ben already, or shal at any time hereafter be set on lande in any part of England or of Wales, the same shalbe conueyed to the next port in or neere whiche they were landed, and from thence be transported at the common charge of the Countie where they were set on lande, into those partes from whence they came, or were transported.

Also be it provided, that yf any maner of person, shal hereafter finde him or her selfe greued with any taxation set vpon them by vertue of this acte, it shalbe lawfull for them at the next generall Sessions of the peace, to be holden within the same shyre where their taxation shalbe, to make complaint therof to the Iustices of the bench, and to be eased of their excessive charge, by the discretion of the whole bench, or the moste of them. And yf any default shalbe hereafter founde in any Iustices of peace, or Quorum, in or about the execution of this acte: euery of the sayde Iustices, vpon prooue of their sayde default by two sufficient witnesses before the Iustices of Assise, at the next generall Sessions of gaole deliuerie for the same Countie, after the same default, shall forfeite and lose foure poundes of lawfull Englishe money, the one halfe whereof to be to the vse of the sayde poore people of the same Countie, and the other halfe to the Queenes Maiestie, whiche sayde forfeiture shalbe leued by distresse, by the discretion of the sayde Iustices of Assises.

And where as a great number of poore and diseased people do resorte to the Citie of Bathe, in the Countie of Sommerset, and the Towne of Buckstone, in the Countie of Derbie, for some ease and reliefe of their diseases at the bathes there, and by meanes thereof, the inhabitants of the same Citie of Bathe, & Towne of Buckstone, are greatly overcharged with the same poore people, to their intollerable charge: be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no diseased or impotent poore person, liuyng on almes at any time after the feast of saint Bartholomewe the Apostle next comming, shall resort or repaire from theyr dwelling places to the sayde Citie of Bathe, and Towne of Buckstone, or eyther of them, to the bathes there for ease of their greefe, vnlesse suche person be not only licensed so to do, by two Iustices of the peace of the Countie where suche person dooth or shall then dwel

and remayne: but also prouided for by the inhabitantes of such hundredes, parishes, or places from whence they shall so be licensed to traualle, of such reliefe for and towarde his maintenance, as shalbe necessary for the same person, for the time of such his abode at the said Citie of Bathe & Towne of Buckstone, or eyther of them, and returne home agayne as shalbe limited by the same licence, vppon payne to be reputed, punished, and bled as bacaboundes, by the puruewe of this estatute: and that the inhabitantes of the same Citie and Towne, shall not in any wyse be charged by this acte, with the findyng or reliefe of any such poore people.

And for the better performance of this charitable acte, it is ordeyned and established by auctoritie aforesayde, that whereas the late kyng of famous memorie, kyng Henry the eyght, his heires or successours, or any other person or persons, heretofore by his or theyr seueral and lawfull erections and foundations, hath or haue ordeyned or appoynted any summe or summes of money, rentes, reliefes, or commoditie to the vse of the poore, or for the repaynyng or mendyng of hygh wayes or bridges, not being taken away other wyse by acte of Parliament, whether the same be in any Cathedral Church, Colledge, or els where, that the byshop of the diocesse, or his Chauncellour, within whiche the sayde Cathedral Church, Colledge, or place is, and the Iustices of the peace of the Countie within the whiche the sayde Cathedral Church, Colledge, or place is, or thre of them (whereof one to be of the Quorum) shall haue auctoritie from tyme to tyme to examine howe and after what manner the sayde money, rent, reliefe, or commoditie is bestowd: and to cal to accompt the parties which do deteyne the sayd money, rentes, or reliefe, and therevppon to take suche order for the distribution of the same, as to their discretions shall seeme most fitte and agreeable to the good intent of the founders, geuers, or graunters, and therof to make certificate in the hygh Court of Chauncerie once in every peere.

Prrouided alwayes, that where as by reason of this acte, the common gaoles of every shyre within this Realme, are like to be greatly pestered with a more number of prisoners then heretofore hath benne, for that the sayde bacaboundes and other lewde persons before recited, shal vppon their apprehention be committed to the common gaole of the same shyre where they are so taken and apprehended; & that in most wyres of this Realme the common gaoles are in such Townes where there be a great number of poore people, more then they are wel able to susteine with their reliefe,

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reliefe, and in some shires the assises are kept farre distant from the place where the common gaoles are, by reason whereof the sayde prisoners are lyke to famishe for want of sustenaunce, yf they be not theretofore prouided:

For remedy whereof, be it theretofore enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that it shall and may be lawfull for the Justices of peace, of every shire within this Realme, at their general quarter sessions of the peace to be holden within the same shires, or the most part of the sayd Justices being then present, to rate and taxe every parische within the sayd shires, at such reasonable summes of money, for and towarde the reliefe of the saide prisoners, as they shall thinke conuenient by their discretions: so that the sayd taxation and rate dooth not exceede aboue six pence, or eyght pence by the weeke out of euery parische: and that the Churchwardens of euery parische within this Realme for the time being, shall euery Sunday leuie the same, and once euery quarter in the yere pay to the high constables, or head officers of euery Towne, Parische, Hundred, Riding, or wapentake within this Realme, all suche summes of money, as their parische shalbe rated and taxed, for and towarde the reliefe of the sayde prisoners within their saide seuerall parishes: And that the sayde hygh Constables and head officers, and euery of them, shal pay al suche summes of money so to them payd by the sayd Churchwardens, at euery general quarter Sessions to be holden within the said seuerall shires, to suche sufficient persons dwelling nigh the said gaoles, as shalbe appoynted by the sayde Justices in their saide open quarter sessions, to be there ready to receiue the sayd money so collected, as is aforesayd. And that the Collectours for the sayd prisoners, shal weekely distribute and pay all suche summes of money, as they and euery of them shal receiue for the reliefe of the sayd prisoners, as aforesayd, vppon payne aswell the sayde Churchwardens of euery parische, Constables and head officers of euery Hundred, or wapentake, as also the sayde Collectours appoynted for the collection and contribution of the said prisoners, so making default, as aforesaide, to forseyte five poundes, the one moytie thereof shalbe to the vse of the Queenes Maestie, her heyres and successors, and the other moytie to the reliefe of the prisoners: any statute, lawe, custome, vse, or other thyng to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, that the Justices of peace within any Countie of this Realme, or wales, shal not intromit or enter into any Citie, Borough, place, or Towne corporate, where be any Ju-

lice, or Iustices of peace, for any suche Citie, Borough, place, or Towne corporate, for the execution of any braunche, article, or sentence of this acte, for, or concerning any offence, matter, or cause growyng or arysing within the precinctes, liberties, or iurisdictiones of such Citie, Borough, place, or towne corporate: but that it may and shalbe lawfull to the Justice, and Iustices of peace, Maior, Bayliffes, and other head officers of those Cities, Boroughes, places, and Townes corporate, where there be Justice, or Iustices, to proceede to the execution of this acte, within the precinct and compasse of their liberties, in suche manner and forme as the Iustices of peace in any Countie, may or ought to doo within the same Countie by vertue of this acte: any matter or thyng in this acte expessed to the contrary thereof, nor withstanding.

And that every Justice and Iustices of the peace, within every suche Citie, Borough, place, and Towne corporate, for every offence by them, or any of them to be committed contrary to the intent and meanyng of this statute, shalbe punishable, and chargeable as other Iustices of peace at large in the Counties, are by this acte aboue appoynted to be.

Provided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that yf it shall chaunce any Citie or Towne corporate, to haue in it more poore folkes then the inhabitants thereof shalbe able to releue, that in such case bypon certificate thereof made, and of the number and names of the personnes with whiche they be so surcharged, vnto the Iustices of the peace of the Countie in whiche suche Citie or Towne corporate shall lye and be situate, at their quarter sessions of the peace, by two Iustices of peace of the saide Countie, and the Maior or other head officer of the same Citie or Towne corporate: the Iustices may by their discretions in the same Sessions, take order, appoynt, and cause the same poore folke so certified, to be provided for, and releued, by geuyng of licence to begge, or otherwyle, in some other place or places of the saide Countie, out of such Citie or Towne corporate so surcharged.

Provided alway, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shal not extende to the poore people, for the tyme beyng in the hospitall, called Saint Thomas hospitall, otherwyle called the kynges hospitall in the Borough of Southwarke, neere adioynyng to the Citie of London, but that the Maior, Commynaltie, and Citizens of the saide Citie of London for the tyme being, shal and may only haue the rule, order, and gouernment of the sayde hospitall, and of the poore people therein for the tyme beyng: any thyng

thyng in this acte to the contrary, not withstanding.

Provided alwayes, that this acte, or any thing therein contayned, or any auctoritie thereby geuen, shall not in any wyse extend to disinherite, prejudice, or hinder John Dutton, of Dutton, in the Countie of Chester Esquire, his heires or assignes, for, touching, or concerning any libertie, priuiledge, preeminencie, auctoritie, iurisdiction, or inheritance, whiche the sayde John Dutton nowe lawfully bleth or hath, or lawfully may or ought to ble within the Countie palatine of Chester, and the Countie of the Citie of Chester, or epyther of them, by reason of any auncient chartres of any kynges of this lande, or by reason of any prescription, or other lawfull vsage or title whatsoever.

This acte to endure for seuen yeeres, and from thence to the ende of the next Parliament then next folowynge.

An acte for the explanation

of a statute made against fugitiues ouer the seas,

in the .xiiij. yeere of the Queenes

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HERE as in the statute

agapnst fugitiues departing out of this Realme, made in the last Parliament, amongst other thinges it is ordeyned, that the offenders agapnst that estatute, shal forsayte and lose to our So- ueraigne Lady the Queene, the whole profites of all their manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, during theyr liues: sithens which time some

doubt and question vpon the sayde woodes hath rylen, and ben mooued. whether her Maiestie, her heires and successors, may let and set the same landes, or make grauntes by coppies of court

roule thereof, and vsuall wood sales, or els shall only take the ordinary profits as they ryle, as *vesturam terre*, & not otherwyle: And where as in the sayde estatute, one bzaunche or clause is conteyned for the making boyde of fraudulent conuepaunces by the sayde fugitiues of their landes and goodes, made to thintent and vpon priuie confidence, that the profits may be employed as they should limit and agree: vpon the woordes of whiche clause, some doubt and question hath also risen, and ben mooued, whether the conuepaunce (to thintent aforesayde) made by suche fugitiues as depart out of the Realme hauing licence, and do not returne into this Realme accordyng to their licence, and intent of the said estatute, shalbe within the prouision of the sayd estatute, vnlesse their determination of not returnyng accordyng to their licence, be prouoed to be before the making of the sayde fraudulent conuepaunce, as a thyng materiall before the making of the sayde conuepaunce, or whether the same determination of not returnyng accordyng to the said licence, be not so materiall, but that the same shall by the subsequent acte, (that is to say) by the not returnyng of the sayde partie accordyng to the sayde licence, be sufficiently prouoed without any further matter.

For auoydyng of whiche doubtles, be it declared, and explained, and ordeyned by auctoritie of this Parliament, that during so long tyme as her Maiestie, her heyres or successours, shalbe intituled to haue the sayde profits by vertue of the sayde estatute, she and they may let and sette, and make grauntes by coppy of Court roule, and vsuall wood sales, and other thinges, to all intents and purposes, as a tenaunt pour terme dauter vie lawfully may doo.

And further that the sayde determination, whiche is but a secrete thought of the fugitiue, whatsoeuer his woordes or speach be, is not materiall, but that the acte and deede subsequent, viz. the not returnyng of euery suche fugitiue accordyng to his licence, and not hauing suche let or excuse, as by the sayde statute is allowed (without any further matter) was, is, and shalbe taken and deemed a sufficient prooue of the precedent determination of the same partie not to returne accordyng to his licence: any thyng to the contrary hereof in any wyle, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all suche rentes, reuenues, issues, profits, and other thinges, as already be comen or growen, or hereafter shall come or growe to the Queenes Maiestie, for any the causes of forfeiture mentioned or expresse in the sayd former acte and statute, or declared by this acte,

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acte, shalbe answered peereley vnto the Queenes Maiestie in the Court of Erchequer, and shalbe in the order, suruey, and rule of the same Court: and that the Treasourer, Chauncelour, and Barons of the sayde Court, or the more part of them for the tyme being, whereof the Treasourer, or Chauncelour to be one, shall and may doo, and cause to be donne, all and euery suche acte and thyng, as they shal thinke meete and conuenient to be had, made, or donne, for the dismissing, custody, receyuing, ordering, and better answering to her Maiesties commoditie and profite, of all suche rentes, reuenues, issues, profits, and other things as now be commen or growen, or hereafter shall come or growe to her Maiestie, for any the causes of forfeiture aforesayde, accordyng to the true intent and meanyng of the sayde former acte, and of this present statute of explanation and declaration.

Provided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that al landes, tenementes, rentes, reuertions, seruices, & leasses, being at this tyme parcell of the possessions of þe Duchie of Lancaster, or deriued out of the same, whereunto, or to the profits wherof, the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres or successours in any wyse is, or hereafter shalbe entituled, epyther by auctoritie of the saide former estatute of fugitiues, or by this estatute, shalbe from hencefoorth within the suruey, dismissing, and order of the Court of the saide Duchie of Lancaster, in such maner & fourme, as other the premisses be assigned or appoynted by auctoritie of this acte, or by the sayde former acte, to be in the suruey, dismissing, and order of the sayde Court of Erchequer: and that the transcript of all offices and inquisitions concernyng the premisses, to be within the suruey, dismissing, and order of the sayde Duchie of Lancaster, shalbe certified and recorded in the sayde Court of the Duchie of Lancaster: any thyng epyther in the saide former acte, or in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

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An act against the deceiptes of vnder Collectours of the tenthes and sub- sidies of the Cleargie.

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OR auoyding and redresse of great deceiptes donne to the Queenes Maiestie, and to the Prelates and Cleargie of this Realme, by vnder Collectours of the tenthes and subsidies of the Cleargie, appoynted by a vnder the Archbishops and Bishops of this Realme, and Deanes and Chapters (Sede vacante:) Be it enacted, that the statute made in the xiii. yeere of her Maiesties raigne, to make the landes, tenementes, goodes, and cattayles of Tellers, Receiuers. &c. to be liable to the payment of their debtes, shall to al intentes and purposes, as amply & largely extende, and be construed to extende to all suche vnder Collectours of tenthes and subsidies of the Cleargie, and to their landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, goodes, and cattayles, for satisfiing of suche money as they haue collected, or shall collect of the saide tenthes and subsidies, to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, her heires or successours (of what yeerely summe so euer the charge of theyr collection is, or shalbe) in lyke fourme as it dooth extende to the Tellers, Receiuers, and other persons accomptaunt, whom the sayde acte specially and expressely concerneth, and in as ample wyse, as yf suche vnder Collectours were immediatly accomptaunt to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires or successours: any prouision in the sayde statute, or other matter whatsoeuer to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And that euery such vnder Collectour, shal vpon processe to be awarded out of the court of Exchequer, be chargeable to accompt for his receipt of suche tenthes and subsidies, as any Receiuer immediatly accomptaunt to her Maiestie, is or ought to be: and that

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that euery Archbyschoppe and Byschop, and Deane and Chapter (Sede vacante) to whose charge the collection of suche tenthes or subsidies dooth, or shall apparteine, shalbe discharged of so much of the said tenthes & subsidies, as shalbe satisfied to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres or successours, of or by the landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, goodes or cattayles, of suche vnder Collector or his heyres, without any other warraunt whatsoener, in that behalfe to be obteyned.

An Acte for the auoydyng of recoveries suffered by collusion by ternautes for terme of life, and suche others.

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HERE diuers persons being seised, or that had ben seised of landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, as ternautes by the curtesie of Englande, ternautes in taylor after possibilitie of issue extincte, or otherwys, onely for terme of life or liues, or of estates determinable bypon life or liues, haue heretofore permitted and suffered other persons by agreement or couine betweene them

had, to recouer the same landes and tenementes, and other hereditamentes, against the same particuler ternautes, in the Queenes Maiesties Court, or haue permitted and suffered them selues to be vouched by other persons, by agreement or couine betweene them had, in recoveries suffered of the same landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, in the Queenes Maiesties Court, to the great preiudice of those to whom the reuertion or remaynder thereof hath apparteined, or ought to apparteine.

For remedy whereof, be it enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie,

Majestie, with the assent of the lordes Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that all suche recoveries hereafter to be had or prosecuted by agreement of the parties, or by couine, as is aforesayde, agaynst any suche particuler tenaunt of any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, whereof the same particuler tenaunt is, or hereafter shalbe seised of any suche particuler estate, as is aforesayde, or agaynst any other with vouchur ouer of any suche particuler tenaunt, or of any hauyng, or that had ryght or title to any suche particuler estate or tenauncie, as is aforesayde, shall from hencefoorth, as agaynst suche person or personnes to whom any reuertion or remaynder thereof, by force of any conveyance or devise before that tyme had or made, shall ought or lawfully may apparteine, and agaynst their heyres and successours, be clearly and utterly voyde and of none effect: any law or vsage heretofore had to the contrary thereof, in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided alway, that this acte, nor any thyng therein conteyned, shall extende, or be prejudicial to any person or persons, that shall hereafter by good title recover any landes, tenementes, or hereditaments, without fraud or couine, by reason of any former right, or title: but that all and every suche recoverie, and recoveries, to be had or prosecuted upon former ryghtes or titles, shall stande and be in lyke force, strength, and effect, as they were before the making of this acte: any thyng herein conteyned to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided also, that all and every suche recoverie and recoveries, to be had or prosecuted of any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, as aforesayde, by the assent and agreement of any person or personnes, to whom any reuertion or remaynder thereof then shall ought to apparteine (so that the same assent & agreement do appeare of recorde in any court of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Majestie, her heyres or successours) shall stande and be in lyke force, strength, and of lyke effect, agaynst suche person and persons that shall so assent and agree, theyr heyres and successours, as they were before the making of this acte: any thyng herein conteyned to the contrary, in anywise notwithstanding.

Be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that one acte made in the xxxi. yeere of our late Soueraigne Loide hyng Henry the eighth, entituled, An acte for the auoyding of recoveries by collussions by tenauntes for terme of life, shalbe from the first day of

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of July next ensuing repealed, and shall no longer stand in force.

An acte declaring that the

tenaunt and defendaunt, may haue a

tales de circumstantibus, as well as the

demaundant or plaintife

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OR the auoydyng of great and chargeable delayes of tentymes happenyng vnto tenauntes and defendauntes: be it enacted, that in al cases wheras the partie plaintife or demaundant, by any statute heretofore made, may haue hypon his or their request made vnto the Iustices of Nisi prius, within this Realme of Englande, or to the Iustices of Oyre, or of assises, of

the twelue shyres of Wales, & of the Countie palatines of Lancaster, Chester, and Durham, a *tales de circumstantibus*, that in all and every suche case and cases, the partie & parties, tenauntes, actours, and wauntes, and defendauntes (yf the plaintifes or demaundantes shal hypon the calling of the principall pannel of Iurie, forbear or refuse to pray the same) shall and may vpon his or their request or desyre, haue vpon the same recorde, and by the same Iustices, the *tales* or *taleses* vnto them graunted, in lyke manner, forme, and degree, to all respectes and purposes, as the plaintife or demaundant in any suite or action may haue the same, by any statute or ordinaunce heretofore made; or set forth, and the rather for the speedy tryall of the issue and issues toynd, or hereafter to be toynd in any plez, suite, or action: any lawe, custome, or vsage heretofore vled to the contrary therof in any wyse, notwithstanding.

Provided also, and be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that in all populer actions, informations, billes, or suites,

suites; commenced or had, or hereafter to be commenced or had in any the Queenes Maiesties courtes of recorde, vpon any penall lawes or statutes, wherein any personne dooth, or shall sue, or prosecute, or insourne, as well for the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours, as for hym selfe, whereupon issue is or shalbe ioynd to be tryed by the Countrey: that therein the partie defendaunt, or defendantes, shalbe admitted to pray and haue a tales de circumstantibus, as in other cases aforesayde.

¶ An acte to refourme the excessiue length of karsies.

Chapter. x.



HERE as within this Realme of Englande, Karsies, called ordinarie karsies, haue not, nor doo not vsually contayne above seuentene yardes, and the finer sort, called sootyng karsies, not aboute eyghtene yardes, and according to the proportion of the saide lengthes, the weyght hath ben limited by the statutes now remayning in force for true making of woollen karsies: and where the Queenes Maiestie hath ben, is, and ought to be assured of her Maiesties customes and subsidies of the saide karsies, accordyng to the number of peeces, or whole karsies, and not accordyng to the quantitie or number of yardes in euery of the sayde karsies conteyned: and where certayne marchaunt strangers and others, vnder the trade of transporting karsies by way of marchaundise beyond the seas, haue of late deuised and procured to haue karsies made of much greater lengthes, as of xxx. and xvi. yardes and more, and intend, as it may be wel gathered, to haue them made of greater length from tyme to tyme, by whiche policie they doo not onely deceiue the Queenes Maiestie of one thirde

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thirde part of her customes and subsidies due for the same harties, for that every two harties nowe paying custome but for two harties, do by the sayde meane contayne more then three harties, that were wont to yeelde custome for three harties: but also the poore Artificers, weavers, and other woorkemen, occuppyng makynge of the sayde harties, are litle or nothyng more considered in their wages for makynge of the sayde long harties: Moreover the marchantes of Englande byng the trade of byng the sayde vsuall ordinarie sortes, or others, are easely eaten by and vndone by the sayde straungers, for that the sayde straungers conueying by deceipt so much of her Maiesties custome, are able by selling beyond the seas vnder the Englishe marchauntes price, to dyspue all the Englishe marchauntes to losse, and Englishe subiectes makers of ordinarie harties, are by the sayd subtile aduantage dyspue from their trade, and lykely to be shortly enforced to chaunge their Loumes, Whiles, and other instrumentes, for that no other sorte of harties, in respect of the gayne in deceauyng her Maiestie, are lykely to be vsuallly bought, whiche newe deuise is to the great defrauding of her Maiestie, to the vndoing of her subiectes, the Englishe marchauntes; and of the Clothiers byng the makynge of harties, and of an infinite number of poore families susteyned by woorkemanshipp about the same.

Be it therefore enacted by the Queenes hyghnesse, the Lordes Spirituall and Tempozall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, that from and after the feast of Sainct Bartholomewe the Apostle next ensuyng, it shall not be lawfull for any person or persons, byng, or that shall vse the trade of makynge of harties, to make or cause to be made any harties of the sorte called ordinarie harties, or any sortynge harties, or any other harties, by what name or names so euer they be called, aboue the length of eyghteene pades at the most, to be measured by pade and inche, beyng ready made; but that all harties shalbe made of the sayde vsuall lengthes, and accordyng to the proportion of weyght limited by the statute in that behalfe made and provided the fourth and fyfth yeeres of the raignes of the late kyng Philip and Queene Marie, bypon payne that every person or persons, that shall make, or cause to be made, any suche hartie or harties of more or greater length then eyghteene pades, shall forsayte for every suche hartie. xl.s. the one moytie whereof shalbe to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours, and the other moytie to hym or them that wyll sue for the same, by byll, plaint, or informatiō, in any of the Queenes Maiesties Courtes

of Recorde, wherein no esloigne, protection, or wager of lawe, for the defendaunt shalbe admitted or allowed.

Provided that if any hartie or harties beyng purposely made to contayne eyghteene yardes in length, and no more, shal by occasion happen to contayne aboue eyghteene yardes, and beyng under nineteene yardes in length, that the maker or makers of any suche hartie or harties, shall not incurre the penaltie aboue contayned, any thyng before mentioned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

An Acte for the continuation, explanation, persfiting, and enlarging of diuers statutes,

Chapter.xj.



Here in the parliament holden bypon prorogation at westminster the fourth day of februarye, in the .xxiiii. yere of the raigne of the late kyng Henry the eyght, one acte was there made, entituled, An acte to continue, and renewe the act made against hylling of Calues: and one other acte, entituled, An acte agaynst hylling of young beastes, called waynlinges. And where in the session of a Parliament ended at westminster in the first day of februarye, in the fourth yere of the raigne of our late soueraigne Lorde kyng Edward the sixth, one acte was made concerning the buying and selling of rother beastes: and also one other acte was then and there lyke wyse made, entituled, An acte for the buying and selling of butter and cheese. And where also an acte was made in the first session of the Parliament, holden in the fyfth yere of the Quenees Maiesties raigne, entituled, An acte for the mayntenaunce and encrease of Tyllage. And where also in the Parliamēt

ment begunne at Westminister in the xxiii. day of January, in the first yeere of the raigne of the Queenes Maiestie that nowe is, and there continued by prorogation vntill the dissolution thereof, one acte was then and there made, entituled, An acte for the preservation of sparwe and frey of fishe. And where also in the first session of the Parliament begunne and holden at Westminister, in the fifth yeere of the raigne of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie that nowe is, and from thence continued by prorogation vntill the dissolution thereof, one acte was then and there made, entituled, An acte for the auoyding of diuers forrayne wares, made by handycraftes men beyonde the seas: and one other acte, entituled, An acte for the punishment of suche persons as shoulde procure or commit any wilful perurie, whiche actes were limited to endure to the ende of the next Parliament. And where also in the last session of the same Parliament, holden by prorogation at Westminister, in the eyght yere of the raigne of the Queenes most excellent Maiestie that nowe is, one acte was then and there made, entituled, An acte for Bowpers, and the prizes of bowes, and was made to continue to the ende of the first session of the next Parliament: and also one other acte was then made, entituled, An acte for the preservation of graine: All whiche seuerall actes and statutes were made to continue but for certayne tymes: and all whiche actes made in the sayde fourth yere of hyng Edward the sixth, and in the sayd first, fifth, and eyght yeres of the Queenes Maiesties raigne, were at the last Parliament holden at Westminister the seconde day of Aprill, in the thirteenth yeere of the raigne of our said Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, made to continue & stand in force vnto the ende of the next Parliament then next folowynge. And where also in the Parliament begunne and holden at Westminister the seconde day of Aprill, in the thirteenth yeere of the raigne of our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queene, one acte and statute was then and there made, for the auoyding and abolishing of fained, couenious, and fraudulent feoffamentes, gistes, grauntes, alienations, conueyances, bondes, suites, iudgementes, and executions, entituled, An acte agaynst fraudulent deedes, gistes, grauntes, alienations, &c. whiche acte and statute was then made to endure vnto the ende of the first session of the next Parliament, as by the sayde acte more playnely wyll appeare. And where also in the sayde Parliament begunne and holden at Westminister the sayde seconde day of Aprill, there was also one other acte and statute made for the auoyding of some leasles in certayne

cases to be made of Ecclesiasticall promotions with cure, entitled, An acte touchyng leases of benefices, and other Ecclesiasticall livings with cure, whiche acte was lyke wyse made to continue to the ende of the next Parliament. And where also there was one other acte and statute made in the sayde Parliament, begunne and holden at westminster the sayde seconde day of April, in the sayde thirteenth yeere, entituled, An acte that purveyours may take grayne, corne, or victualles within five miles of Cambridge and Oxorde in certayne cases, whiche acte was made lyke wyse to continue to the last day of the next Parliament.

And where in the statute made in the thirteenth yeere of the Queenes Maiesties raigne, entituled, An acte for the reviving and continuance of certayne statutes, is conteyned one prouiso, that the sayde acte concernyng the auoydyng of forren wares made by handycraftes men beyonde the seas, or any clause, article, or meanyng therein conteyned, shoulde not in any wyse extend or be prejudicial to any entercourse, or treatise of any entercourse then standyng in force, had, or made betweene the progenytours of the Queenes Maiestie, or her hyghnesse, and any others. Nowe for good consyderations, and specially that straungers may not be at libertie, and the Queenes Maiesties naturall subiectes restrained: be it enacted that the sayde prouiso, and every clause, article, and matter therein conteyned, shal from henceforth be repelled, and utterly voyde.

Provided also, and be it enacted, that these wordes (so soone as it, or any part thereof, shal come to any possession or be above forbidden, or) whiche wordes are conteyned in the sayde statute made in the sayde thirteenth yeere, touchyng leases of benefices, and other Ecclesiasticall livings with cure, shal not be reuied by this acte, but remaine discontinued, and shal from henceforth be omitted out of the sayde acte, any thyng in the sayde acte, or in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And where sundry euill disposed persons, haue defrauded the true meanyng of the sayde last mentioned statute, made in the sayde xiii. yeere, by bondes and couenauntes of suffering other persons to enioy Ecclesiasticall livings, and the frutes thereof, so: that suche bondes and couenauntes are not in lawe taken to be leases, although in deede they amount to as muche: be it therefore enacted, that all bondes, contractes, promises, and couenauntes, hereafter to be made for suffering or permitting any person to enioy any benefice, or Ecclesiasticall promotion with cure, or to take profites or frutes thereof, other then suche bondes and couenauntes,

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cottenautes, as shalbe made for assuraunce of anye lease heretofore made, shalbe to all intentes and purposes adiudged of suche force and validitie, and not otherwys, as leases by the same persons made of suche benefices and ecclesiasticall promotions with cure.

And be it further declared and enacted, that all leases, bondes, promises, and cottenautes of and concernyng benefices and ecclesiasticall livynges with cure, to be made by any curate, shalbe of no other, nor better force, validitie, or continuance, then yf the same had ben made by the beneficed person hym selfe, that dismissed, or shal dismiss the same to any suche curate.

And where in one other acte made in the sayd thirteenth yere, entituled, An acte agaynst fraudulent gyftes, to the intent to defeat dislapidations of ecclesiasticall livynges, and for leases to be graunted by Collegiat Churches, there is one bchaunce to auoyde certayne leases to be made by maisters and fellowes of Colledges, Deanes and Chapters of Cathedral or Collegiat Churches, maisters or gardians of any Hospitall, or by any Parson, Vicar, or any other haupng any spiritual or ecclesiasticall livyng: Be it enacted, that the sayde bchaunce, nor any thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende to any graunt, assuraunce, or lease of anye houses belongyng to anye the persons or bodies politique, or corporate aforesayde, nor to any groundes to suche houses apperteynyng, whiche houses be scituate in any Citty, Borough, Towne corporate, or market Towne, or the suburbs of any of them, but that al such houses and groundes may be graunted, dismissed, and assured, as by the lawes of this Realme, and the severall statutes of the sayde Colledges, Cathedral Churches, and Hospitalles, they lawfully myght haue benne before the making of the sayde statute, or lawfully myght be, yf the sayde statute were not, so alway that suche house be not the capitall or dwellyng house used for the habitation of the persons abovesayde, nor haue grounde to the same belongyng, aboue the quantitie of tenne acres: anye thing in the sayde acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted, that all summes of money hereafter to be recovered, for, or in name of dislapidations, by sentence, composition, or otherwys, shall within two yeres after suche receipt, be truly employed vpon the buildynges and reparations, in respect wherof suche money for dislapidations shalbe payde, on paine that every person so receiuing, and not employing as aforesayd, shal forfeite double as muche, as so shal be by hym receiued, and not employed, the whiche forfeiture shalbe to the vse of the

Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours.

Provided alway, and be it enacted, that no lease shalbe permitted to be made by force of this act in reuersion, nor without reseruyng the accustomed peerele rent at the least, nor without charging the lessee with the reparations, nor for longer terme then fourtie peeres at the most: nor any houses shalbe permitted to be aliened, vnlesse that in recompence thereof, there shalbe afore, with, or presently after suche alienation, good, lawfull, a sufficient assurance made in fee simple absolutely to suche Colledges, houses, bodiees politike or corporate, and theyr successours, of landes of as good value, and of as great peerele value at the least, as so shalbe aliened: any statute to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And forasmuche as all the same seuerall actes and statutes, and euery of them, do seeme good, beneficiall, and needefull to be further continued for the weale and profite of this Realme: be it therefore now enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the same seuerall actes and statutes, and euery of them, and aland euery article, clause, and sentences in them and euery of them conteyned, shall continue, be, and endure in full force and effect, vntyll the ende of the next Parliament.

An Acte for the repeale of a statute made Anno, viii. of the Queenes Maiesties raigne, touching the Towne of Shrewesburie.

Chapter.xii.



HERE at the Parliament holden at Westminster the laste day of September, in the eyght peere of the raigne of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, there was an acte made, entituled, An acte touchyng Drapers, Cottonners, & Frizers, in the Towne of Shrewesburie, in the Countie of Salop: and in the same

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same acte there is conteyned matter then supposed for the benefit of the said Towne of Shrewesburie, in aduaucing the corporation of Drapers, Cottoners, and Frizers of the said Towne. And it was thereby enacted, that from and after the feast of Easter then next ensuyng, no maner person or persons whatsoeuer, inhabityng and dwelling within the sayde Towne of Shrewesbury, or the liberties or franchises of the same town, (other then suche as then had, or then after shoulde serue as apprentise in the occupation or science of Drapers, or then had benne, or thereafter shoulde be free of the saide science or mysterie) shoulde occupie, vse, exercise, or frequent the sayd trade, arte, mysterie, or science of buying of the sayde welthe cloth, or lining, cottons, frizes, or plaines: nor haue any factour or dooer for him or them in the same, nor by any colour, engin, or fraude, buy any of the sayd fryzes, linynges, cottons, and plaines, upon paine that euery person or persons inhabityng, as is aforesayde, and occupying, vsing, or exercising the sayd trade, arte, mysterie, occupation, or science of buying of welthe clothes and linynges. &c. and not aucthorised by the acte, shoulde lose and forsayte for euery peece of the said clothes bought, five shillings and eyght pence.

And where sicence the making of the sayde acte, experience hath playnely taught in the sayde Towne, that the sayd act hath not only not brought the good effecte that then was hoped and surmised, but also hath benne, and now is lykely to be the very greatest cause of the impouerishing and bndopng of the poore artificers and other, at whose suite the sayd acte was procured, for that there be now sicence the making of the sayd statute, much fewer persons to set them a woork then befoze: and by restraynyng all other inhabitours of the sayd Towne of Shrewesbury, from the former lawfull trade euer heretofore vsed of buying of welthe clothes, fryzes, cottons, linynges, and playnes (leauyng the same neuerthelesse free for all the subiectes of Englande without any restraynt, sayyng for the sayde inhabitauntes of the Towne of Shrewesbury, and the liberties and franchises of the same Towne only) hath ben the euident occasion of great decay, not onely to the sayde Towne, and the liberties and franchises of the same, but also to a great and infinite number of poore people in Northwales, that is to say, in the Countie of Mountgomery, Denbigh, Merioneth, and also the Towne of Oswester, and the greatest part of the Countrey there aboutes, where the sayde welthe clothes, fryzes, cottons, linynges, and playnes are made and solde, whiche were wont to be maynteyned and re-
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liued by trade of mahyng or woozhyng of the sayde fryzes, cottons, &c. contrary to the expectation that then was wrongfully conceiued.

Be it therefore, at the humble suite of the inhabitauntes of the sayde Towne, and also of the sayde artificers, for whose benefite the sayde acte was supposed to be prouided, enacted, that the saide acte, and all the matter in the sayde acte conteyned, shall from hencefoorth be repealed and made voyde: any thyng in the sayde acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prrouided alwayes, that so muche of the sayde statute of the eyght yeere of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie that nowe is, and every article and br aunche therein conteyned, as toucheth the present and ready payment of money to Shermen, Cottoners, and fryzers, for theyr woozke, and also as toucheth the restraynt of suche as shall, or doo occupie or vse the trade of buyng of frizes, cottons, or playnes, from the vse or exercise of the facultie of frizing or cottoning, shall stande and be in force: any thyng in this statute to the contrary, notwithstanding.

An Acte for the annexing of Hexam and Hexamshire to the Countie of Northumber- lande.

Chapter.xiii.



HERE for the space of diuers
yeres now past, the Queene her high-
nesse, and her most noble and dearely
beloued father kyng Henry the eight.
kyng Edward the sixth her highnesse
brother, Queene Marie her late sister,
as in the right of the imperial crowne
of this Realme of Englinde, by rea-
son of one erchaunge had, and passed
betweene the sayd late king Henry the
eyght,

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eyght, and the late reuerend father Robart Archbyschop of Yorke, in the yeere of the most noble raigne of the said late king Henry, haue ben, and her Maestie yet is leased of and in the franchise and libertie of Berham and Berhamshire, lying within the body and middle of the Countie of Northumberlande, whiche sayde libertie & territorie, when it was in the handes of the sayde Archebyschop, was commonly tearmed & named a Countie Valentine, where in eyght or prooffe there was none suche, yet by reason of that errour, ever since, and yet there hath ben, and are diuers opinions, besides some question and doubt, whether the said libertie and territorie of Berham and Berhamshire, should and ought to be part of the said Countie of Northumberlande, or otherwys exempted: and whether the dwellers & inhabitours there, should and ought to be iustifiable, and answere to iustice as other of the sayde Countie of Northumberland are, and ought, or not: and the like question and doubt yet is, and remaineth. By reason wherof, not only Plesses of the Crowne, and suites betwixt partie & partie haue suffered continual stayes, lets, and also haue had no ende of tryall, and besides, the most & greatest offendours to the crowne & their countrey, haue, & daily runne thither as vnto a sanctuarie, vpon hope and trust of refuge and safegarde thereby, to the great comfort and encouragement of many, the vilest & worst subiectes and offendours in al the North parties, and to the great offence of the almightie, and most manifest hinderance of good execution of lawes and iustice. In and for due remedie and redresse of suche great enormities & apparant mischieues, may it therefore please the queene her Maestie, that by her highnes, the lordes spiritual and temporal, & the commons in this present bygg court of Parliament nowe assembled, that it may be enacted, manifested, and declared by auctoritie of the same, that the sayde territorie, franchise, and libertie of Berham and Berhamshire, with the liberties of the same, may be, is, and shalbe from hencefoorth taken to be within, and part, parcell and member of the said Countie of Northumberlande. And that aswell the Plesses of the Crowne, as also al suites betwixt partie & partie, may proceede, & haue their due ende and tryall within the said Countie of Northumberland, by and before the Shyriffe and Coroners of the sayd Shyre, and also before the Justices of peace, Justices of gaole deliuerie, Justices of assise, Nisi prius, Oyer and determiner, and other officers, and eche and euery of them, as the case shall require, and take effectes as any of the like haue ben, or ought to be, which haue hapned, or shall hereafter happen within the sayd Countie of Northumberlande:

lande : and that from hencefoorth the Shyriffe and other officers of the Countie of Northumberland, for the time being, may haue full power and auctoritie to execute his or their office, and al processe to him or them directed within Berham and Berhamshire, and liberties of the same, in as ample and large manner, as he or they may, shoulde, or ought to doo, within any other part of the sayde Countie of Northumberlande, any graunt, priuilege, custome, vsage, libertie, or thyng els whatsoeuer heretofore made, clapped, bled, had, put in vze or execution, or enioyed, to the contrary notwithstanding. Sauing to the Bayliffe of the liberties, or other officers of the sayde Towne of Berham and Berhamshire, or the liberties thereof, al liberties and priuileges for executing of processe, returne of wyttes, and other wyse, as they or any of them of ryght ought to haue before the making of this acte.

A Table of certayne actes passed. Anno. xiiij.

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An Acte for the assurance of giffes, grauntes, &c. made, and to be made for the releefe of the poore in Hospitales, &c.

An Acte for the assurance of certayne landes, and tenementes, accordyng to the meaning of syr Thomas and syr wylliam woodhouse, knyghtes, for the benefite of certayne infantes.

An Acte for the continuance of the innynge of plumsted marsh, in the Countie of Bent, beyng surrounded.

An Acte for the better and further assurance of certayne landes, and tenementes, to the mayntenaunce of the free Grammer scoole of Tunbridge, in the Countie of Kent.

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